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03 MAR 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration  
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT: DCI Nominee for Security Officer, US Foreign  
Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC)

1. The 1978 statute establishing the FISC required the Chief Justice to establish security procedures for this court in consultation with the Attorney General and the DCI. Those procedures require the FISC to use DCI personnel, physical and administrative security measures to safeguard court activities. They also require the FISC to designate a security officer from among candidates nominated by the Attorney General and the DCI. The original DCI nominee has served as FISC security officer since the court began operations in May 1979. That officer plans to retire on or about 30 May 1986.

2. DCI and Intelligence Community interests are well served by ensuring the continued security of a unique federal court which has access to extraordinarily sensitive intelligence information. A superior and well qualified DCI nominee should have an excellent chance of being accepted by the FISC for service at its security officer.

3. You are requested to propose to me a security officer of broad experience and skills, adept at dealing unobtrusively with senior judges and their staffs, and available for service with the court for several consecutive years. The duties are relatively light. They require weekly or bi-weekly brief visits to the court--located in the Main Department of Justice building--to observe the state of security and to arrange for any needed corrective action; management of an annual security audit of FISC facilities and records; and presence at the annual meeting of the FISC judges (May of each year).

4. Please provide a candidate for my consideration no later than 19 March 1986.

 William J. Casey

DCI  
EXEC  
REG

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24 FEB 1986

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## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

My Replacement as Security Officer, US Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC)

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21 February 1986

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for concurrence, please

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for concurrence, please

Don has done an outstanding job with the FISC.

7. DCI

for approval and memo for signature, please

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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
**Security Committee**

SECOM-D-046

21 February 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Director, Intelligence Community Staff  
Deputy Director, Intelligence Community Staff *ap*  
Chairman, DCI Security Committee

FROM:



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SUBJECT: My Replacement as Security Officer, US Foreign  
Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC)

1. Action Requested. That you approve efforts to retain a DCI equity in the security of the FISC, and that you task identification of a qualified person to be nominated to the FISC to succeed me upon my planned retirement on or about 30 May 1986.

2. Background and Discussion: When the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act was enacted in 1978, the Chief Justice of the US was required by the Act to establish security procedures in consultation with the Attorney General and the DCI for use by the FISC. DCI representatives played a significant role in drafting those procedures. They require the use of DCI personnel, physical and administrative security policies and procedures for the protection of SCI. They also require the FISC to designate a security officer from among candidates nominated by the Attorney General and the DCI. I was nominated by the DCI, appointed in 1979 by the first Presiding Judge of the FISC, and continued by his successor.

3. The DCI and the Intelligence Community have a continuing interest in the security of this unique court. Continued provision of a DCI representative to serve as FISC security officer supports DCI equities. It also provides a useful balance to what would otherwise be Department of Justice dominance of Executive Branch relationships with the federal courts on security matters. Justice has a virtual "lock" on all security issues involved in cases tried under the Classified Information Procedures Act (CIPA). DCI security policies and procedures are generally applied in CIPA cases largely because our early involvement in FISC security caused us to be included in the drafting and coordination process for CIPA security procedures. However, Justice moved quickly to control implementation. The Director of Security at Justice has indicated to me his interest in placing one of his people in the FISC position if I leave it.

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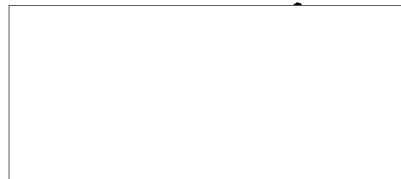
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Surveillance Court (FISC)**

4. The courts value professionalism and continuity in staff members. Any DCI nominee for FISC security officer should be broadly knowledgeable of security matters, adept at dealing with senior officials, and be available for service with the court for several consecutive years.

5. Recommendations:

a. That you approve efforts to maintain a DCI role in the security of the FISC.

b. If you approve "a," that you sign the attached proposed memorandum to the Deputy Director for Administration tasking him to propose a qualified security officer for you to nominate to the FISC Presiding Judge as my successor.



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Attachment: Proposed DCI memo to DDA

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Surveillance Court (FISC)

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Chairman, DCI Security Committee


21 Feb 86  
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Deputy Director, Intelligence Community Staff


24 Feb 86  
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APPROVED:

(a)   
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Director of Central Intelligence

03 MAR 1986  
Date

(b) \_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Central Intelligence

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Date